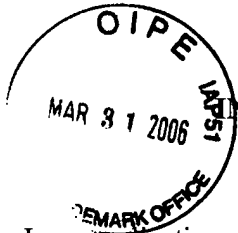


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- I. This replies to the Notice to File Missing Parts of Application mailed February 14, 2006. A copy of the *NOTIFICATION OF MISSING REQUIREMENTS UNDER 35 U.S.C. 371 IN THE UNITED STATES DESIGNATED/ELECTED OFFICE (DO/EO/US)* is enclosed.

DECLARATION OR OATH

- II. Enclosed is a copy of the original declaration or oath for this application.

SMALL ENTITY STATUS

- III. Applicant claims small entity status. See 37 CFR 1.27.

EXTENSION OF TIME

- IV. Applicant believes that no extension of term is required. However, this conditional petition is being made to provide for the possibility that applicant has inadvertently overlooked the need for a petition and fee for extension of time.

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- Oath or declaration of the inventors, in compliance with 37 CFR 1.497(a) and (b), identifying the application by the international application number and international filing date.

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